

COLONEL MICHAEL L. HERMAN

DEPUTY COMMANDER



COL Michael Herman has served as the Deputy Commander, Gulf Region Division, US Army Corps of Engineers since May 2006. Concurrently, COL Herman commands the Engineer Brigade, 40th Infantry Division (Mech), where he has been in command since February, 2004. COL Herman joined the California Army National Guard in 1990. Most of his Guard service has been with the 579th Engineer Battalion, where he has served as a staff officer, S-3, Executive Officer, and Battalion Commander. He has also served as the Executive Officer of the Engineer Brigade, 40th Infantry Division. In 1996-1997 he served as the State Director of Facilities at Headquarters, STARC.

COL Herman was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army following graduation from West Point in 1979. After completion of Airborne and Ranger training, he was assigned to US Army Europe. His six years in Germany included tours with the 82d Engineer Battalion, where he commanded a company, and with the Army Corps of Engineers. He then transferred to the Presidio of San Francisco, where he served as Chief of the Engineer Team in the Readiness Group. His final active assignment was as Deputy Post Engineer for the Presidio.

COL Herman is a registered Civil Engineer in California. For over ten years he worked as a designer, project manager, and construction manager for CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group in Novato, California. Prior to returning to full-time service with the Guard, he worked for two years as a project and construction manager and quarry engineer with Lunny Grading and Paving in Nicasio, California.

COL Herman has been honored as a Distinguished Graduate of the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and Command and General Staff College. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (4), Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3), National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (3), California Medal of Merit, California Service Medal, California State Service Ribbon (6), and the California Counterdrug Service Ribbon. He wears both the Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab. In addition to his Bachelor's Degree from the United States Military Academy, he holds a Master of Science in Project and Construction Management from Golden Gate University.

COL Herman is a long-time member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the Association of the US Army, the Army Engineer Association, the National Guard Association of the United States, the National Guard Association of California, and Rotary International. A native of South Dakota, he resides with his wife Deanna and two children in El Dorado Hills, California.